



# Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 23rd September 2022

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## Term Dates

Term 1 – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Term 2 – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Term 3 – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Term 4 - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Term 5 – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Term 6 – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

## Staff Development Days

1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

6<sup>th</sup> June 2023



## Key Dates

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Triathlon Competition at  
Sevenoaks School

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October

KS2 Harvest Festival at St.  
Peters (9am)

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October

KS1/EYFS Harvest Festival  
(School Hall)

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October

New Entrants' Meeting for Sept  
2023 (School Hall, 2pm)

### W/B Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Maths Week

Dear Parent/Carer,

I have no doubt that many of you, like me, were among the twenty-eight million people in the UK that watched Queen Elizabeth's state funeral on Monday. Due to the funeral, the School was closed on Monday.

As part of our collaboration with Sevenoaks School, we were very pleased to welcome into school a small number of their students on Thursday afternoon to work with our children. These students will be coming into school weekly, at the same time, and I am sure this arrangement will be beneficial to our children.

The Governing Body held its first meeting of the academic year yesterday evening. Mrs Freeman was re-elected as the Chair of Governors, and Mrs Pickering was elected as Vice Chair of Governors. Mr Chartres stepped down as the Vice Chair after a number of years in the role, but I am delighted to say he will be continuing to serve on our Governing Body.

Joanna Crisp is the new Chair of the Parent School Association (PSA) and this will be officially ratified at the PSA AGM in November. I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to Melissa Treacy for all her amazing hard work over the last three years in the role. Fundraising has been particularly challenging due to the impact of the pandemic during most of this time but the PSA has continued to effectively raise funds, whilst having fun, during Melissa's tenure.



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## Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 94.16%

Pine – 98%

Chestnut – 97%

Willow – 98.97%

Elm – 97%

Beech – 95.93%

Oak – 93.87%

## Lateness

The number of “lates” recorded this week were as follows:

Acorn – 0

Pine – 4

Chestnut – 2

Willow – 1

Elm – 1

Beech - 0

Oak - 1



Thank you also to Julia Weller who has stepped down as the Vice Chair of the PSA after seven years of sterling work for the PSA. I know that Joanna and her team have lots of exciting ideas and events lined up, so do look out for more information about those.

### Parking – Recreation Ground

A polite request, if I may. A number of parents have asked if we would encourage you to depart the car park once they have dropped off your child. As you know, space is very limited in the car park at the Recreation Ground, and a swifter exit would enable other parents to park more easily.

### Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a 1:1 Teaching Assistant. If you or anyone you know may be interested please contact the office.

### Spaces in School

We currently have one space in Year 3 and one space in Year 6. Do let your friends know if they are looking for a space at an outstanding community school!

### School Uniform

We have a large amount of second hand uniform in school. Please contact the School Office – [admin@ightham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ightham.kent.sch.uk) – if you are interested in purchasing second hand uniform. Please be aware that we ask your child to bring a bookbag, and not a rucksack, into school.

### Free School Meals

Even if you do not wish to take up Free School Meals for your child, the school still benefits financially if you successfully apply. If you think that your child may be eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM), then I strongly encourage you to apply using this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

### Friends of Ightham School (FOIS)

If you would like to help FOIS raise additional funds for the school, you can choose to raise money through FOIS using Amazon Smile. There is no cost to you; a small proportion of anything you spend using Amazon will be donated to FOIS. It’s extremely easy to set up...

To register with AmazonSmile please follow the steps below:

1. Using a laptop or computer go to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk)
2. Click the “Get Started” button.
3. Enter your amazon.co.uk account e-mail address and password.
4. Select the Friends of Ightham School charity by search via name or through our charity ID number of 1192718.

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## Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

**The Gold Cup was awarded to:** Eleri in Year 4

**Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:**

Year 1 – Cordelia and Robin

Year 2 – Isobelle and Arthur

Year 3 - Enzo and Willow

Year 4 – Arnie and Oliver

Year 5 – Sofia and Reuben

Year 6 – Zach G and Flavia

Well done to all!

### Ightham Values

Caring

Respect

Responsibility

Tolerance

Aspiration

Honesty

### Ightham Vision

Pupils should leave Ightham School with their understanding deepened, their minds enriched, and their hearts inspired, so that they love learning and embrace the challenges of the future.



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